

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS
Board Meeting
December 11 and 12, 2003**

PROGRAMS OF NURSING

Accepted as information, the 2002-2003 Programs of Nursing Annual Reports. Summary for nursing facility/instructors, student outcomes, and clinical hours.

Approved the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) Pass Rate Reports and the approval status for programs of nursing.

Accepted as information, the 2002-2003 Programs of Nursing Approval Status Action and National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) Results.

Accepted as information, the Report on Programs of Nursing Admissions and Graduations – 1996-2003.

PRACTICE

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of June 25, 2003, from Kim Preston, RN, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonburg; and November 7, 2003, from William E. Dunlop, MD, Prestonburg, on the insertion of a “Bravo” pH Capsule by registered nurses.

Approved the letters of response on the administration of Propofol/Diprivan by registered nurses) to the opinion requests of March 3, 2003, from Sharon Merritt, RN, Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; September 11, 2003, from Vicky Montgomery, MD, Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville; November 5, 2003, from Thomas Fuhrman, MD, Kentucky Society of Anesthesiologists, President, Lexington; November 18, 2003, from W. Weller Head, Jr., ARNP-A, Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists, President-elect, Shelbyville; and November 20, 2003, Trina G. VanGuilder, RN, University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, and Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associate Education Committee Member.

Directed that staff seek input from the Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists; Kentucky Society of Anesthesiologists; Kentucky Nurses Association; Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives; Dr. Vicki Montgomery, and Trina VanGuilder, RN, for the role of the advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) in the administration of Propofol/Diprivan for procedural sedation.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of October 30, 2003, from Gayla Edlin, RN, Spring View Hospital, Lebanon, on the administration of Etomidate during rapid sequence intubation in hospital settings.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of September 4, 2003, from Darlene Litteral, General Counsel, Health Directions, London, on the role of registered nurses in the use of telephone triage to assess patient needs.

Approved the letter of response to the request of August 23, 2003, from Sally R. McEnroe, ARNP, Somerset, on the roles of nurses in psychotherapy.

PRACTICE (Cont'd)

Directed that an article, citing Advisory Opinion Statement #85-13, "Roles of Registered Nurses in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing Practice," be published in the KBN Connection.

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS (SANE) PROGRAM

Accepted the amendment to 201 KAR 20:411, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) Program Standards and Credential Requirements.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN) SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Directed that at least three licensed practical nurse (LPN) Practice Content Experts be consulted regarding the proposed new administrative regulation on LPN intravenous therapy (IVT) scope of practice and that their comments be presented to the Board at the February 2004 Board Meeting.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Approved one (1) Proposed Decision, and received reports on the approval of twenty-six (26) Agreed Orders, six (6) Consent Decrees, and the removal of six (6) licenses from probation.

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